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William Caton
Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Caton:

Re: Gen. Docket No. 00-185

On Tuesday, February 27, 2002, Robert Sachs, President and CEO of NCTA, Daniel Brenner, Senior Vice President, Law and Regulatory Policy, of NCTA, and Howard Symons from the law firm of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky & Popeo, met regarding the above-referenced proceedings with Chairman Michael K. Powell along with Susan Eid, Legal Advisor, Mass Media & Cable, Chief W. Kenneth Ferree, Cable Services Bureau, and Sarah Whitesell, Associate Bureau Chief, Cable Services Bureau.

During this meeting, we discussed NCTA's views on the Notice of Inquiry on cable modem service and the implications of the information service classification on third party access to the cable system and related local franchising authority issues, previously summarized in earlier NCTA filings. If there are any questions regarding this matter, please communicate directly with the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel L. Brenner

cc: Chairman Michael K. Powell
Susan Eid
Chief W. Kenneth Ferree
Sarah Whitesell